

Lucilia calviceps Bezzi, new record from India (Diptera: Calliphoridae), with a revised key to Indian species

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Abstract

Lucilia calviceps Bezzi is newly recorded from India, a revised key is provided with all the Indian species.

Keywords: Lucilia calviceps, New record, India, Revised key.

Introduction

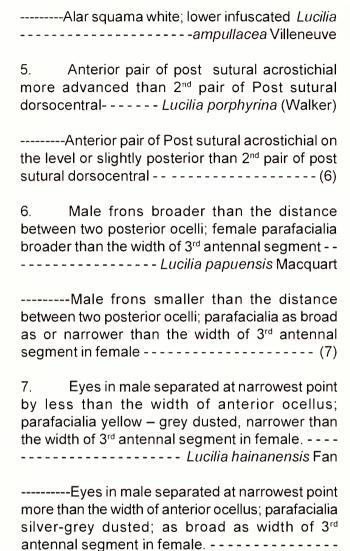
Flies of genus *Lucilia* are generally called the green bottles. According to Kurahashi (1966) the genus *Lucilia* has been divided into three groups based on its evolutionary trends; i.e. *richardsi* group, *cluvia* group and *fumicosta* group. Out of these, the *richardsi* group is the most primitive (with maximum plesiomorph characters) and the *fumicosta* group being the most advanced one. The Indian fauna comprises of all the three groups but is dominated by Oriental elements (62.5%) followed by Palaearctic (25%) and Neotropical Nearctic (12.5%).

In Fauna of British India Diptera vi (Calliphoridae) by Senior White et.al., (1940) genus Lucilia was represented by six species from India. At present this genus is represented by 8 species, Lucilia bazini seguy (Nandi, 2004) and Lucilia calviceps Bezzi being the new records from this region. The previous key (Senior White et. al., 1940) is modified in order to incorporate the newly recorded species from India.

Key to the Indian species of Lucilia

1.	Basicostal	Scale	Yellow,	post	sutur	a
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	Basicostal	Scale	brown c	r blad	ck; po	s
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2. Abdomen arched in profile; sternites with tuft of long hairs; hypopygium prominent; parafrontalia bare or almost bare except for frontals and fronts-orbitals in female
(Wiedemann)
Abdomen not arched in profile, sternites without tuft of long hairs, hypopygium inconspicuous; parafrontalia in female with short decumbent bristles among frontals and parafrontals
<i>Lucilia sericata</i> (Meigen)
3. Alar squama always white or creamish in colour (never infuscated); lower squama may be white or infuscated (4)
Alar squama and thoracic squama infuscated(5)
4. Alar squama creamish with a tuft of yellowish white hairs at inner lower margin; thoracic squama pale, brownish on disc Lucilia bazini seguy
Alar and thoracic squama predominantly white Lucilia illustris (Meigen)



Lucilia calviceps Bezzi

Lucilia calviceps Bezzi, 1927:238. Type localites: Espiritu Santo and Epilsland, New Hebrides [Vanuatu] Length: 8.0-9.0 mm

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Material Examined

India: 1 female, Gugga, UNA, Himachal Pradesh, 600.mts, 6.X.2009; 3 males Dharampur, Himachal Pradesh, 450mts, 14.X.2009; 1 male, Bari, Himachal Pradesh, 450mts, 15.x.2009; 1 male, Kotla, Himachal Pradesh, 470mts, 7.x.2009; 1 female, Kotla, Himachal Pradesh, 470mts, 7.x.09.

Distribution

India (Himachal Pradesh), Philippines (Luzon), Malaysia (Malaya, Borneo), Papua New Guinea, (New Guinea, New Britain, New Ireland, Bougainville I.), Vanuatu Loyalty Islands and New Caledonia.

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